

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Big Four Talks

THE cautious attitude of President Eisenhower and Mr. Dulles to the proposed big four top-level talks is readily understandable. Like their British and French colleagues, they are at the moment somewhat in the dark. No formal agenda has been prepared, wherefore the leaders of the Western powers can only guess as to what subjects the Russians wish to discuss or will be willing to include in the talks.

Mr. Dulles envisages an exchange of views relating to Germany, world disarmament, atomic weapons, Soviet satellites and the international activities of the Cominform. It can be assumed the Russians will be prepared to discuss the first three subjects, but they may be less inclined to embrace the questions of the satellites and the Cominform.

Russia has more than once blandly denied the militancy of the Cominform, and has frequently insisted that it is a spontaneous movement, subject to no central control or direction. To the Western democracies, however, the Cominform is an integral weapon used by the Soviets in the pursuit of the cold war, and for this reason is regarded as a distinct menace to international peace.

THE first aim of the Big Three is to try to secure, in collaboration with Russia, a reduction in the tensions which threaten peace not only in Europe, but in the Far East, Southeast Asia and other areas, and this can best be accomplished if the Russians are prepared to call off the cold war which they have been waging in many directions and through several sources since 1946.

Any agreement on the Soviets' part to do this must involve curtailment of the activities of the Cominform; must also affect the future attitude of the satellites to the democracies, notably in the use of their propaganda machines. This would be asking a lot of the Russians and their friends, and would be the most ticklish part of any Big Four talks whether at the "summit" or any lower level.

End In Sight?

MR Michael Blundell's disclosure that some Mau Mau leaders have made surrender approaches to the Kenya Government is heartening news indeed, particularly to Kenya itself which has suffered cruelly from the ravages of this diabolical and ghastly terrorism in recent years. The news is doubly welcome as it tends to support General Erskine's optimism that the actual fighting may soon be over.

Nevertheless the end of terrorism signals the beginning of rehabilitation. Kenya still has many challenging problems in store. One of the greatest is that the evolutionary process towards political independence is retarded by the financial stringencies of the time and Colony's increasing dependence on the British taxpayer.

The costly Emergency has in turn imposed costly new additions to the administrative machine which may be required to continue long after ceasefire and surrender. Meanwhile, new development plans made necessary by the trouble clamour for sustenance, patience, understanding and courage of a large order will be needed for many years before the tremendous destructive effects of Mau Mau terrorism are completely eradicated.

ROLL BACK THE IRON CURTAIN!

Eden And
The
ColoniesBritain Has Big
Responsibility

Glasgow, May 18. Sir Anthony Eden, Britain's Prime Minister, declared here tonight that as Britain's colonial peoples grew towards self-government, this country must "retain their support and friendship."

Britain should do this by her conduct both in her relations with colonial peoples and in "the economic and social help we give them."

Sir Anthony Eden said the recent parliamentary approval of a further £80,000,000 for colonial development and welfare in the next five years was "an earnest sign of what we mean to do."

The Prime Minister said that legislation in Britain acted as a model for the young new democracies growing up in Africa, Malaya and in the West Indies.

NOT EASY

But he warned that democracy was not an easy form of government.

The Prime Minister stressed that respect for law was the only basis for democracy, saying "the terrible deeds which have been committed in some territories can only damage the cause of colonial peoples."

Sir Anthony Eden later said that using all caution, he believed there were more hopeful prospects of direct and useful discussion with Soviet Russia than there had been at any time since the war.

"If it falls to my lot to take part in any more negotiations with the Russians, I look forward to them. But I only look forward to them if I am in close agreement with my friends before I go into them."—Reuter.

Two British men and a girl, who planned to circle the world in a seven-ton yacht, were taken off the craft in a fierce storm early today after they had lost their rudder and their engines broke down.

Southend lifeboat rescued the adventurers three miles off the pier here in 60 miles an hour winds and towed the yacht Stormalong to shore. A lifeboat official said they were "very decent and well, but had a rotten night."

The three sailors are Leslie Moore, 35; his wife Margaret, 27; and a friend, John Townsend, 29.—China Mail Special.

Left Instrument
In Patient

Beauvais, May 18. A doctor who left a probing instrument in a patient's body after operating on him for a hernia in 1948, was fined 10,000 francs by a court here today for "professional carelessness."

The doctor, M. Rougelle, forgot his instrument in the body of a 38-year-old farm-hand, Alphonse Fement.

Dr. Rougelle's probe was found imbedded in Fement's flesh when doctors X-rayed him, following a minor operation.—France-Press.

Air Disaster Report
To Be Ready Soon

Bombay, May 18. The report of the Indonesian investigation commission on the crash of the Air India Constellation, Kashmiri Princess, last month with Chinese Communist officials on board is likely to be ready by the end of this month or early June, Air India's divisional operations manager, Captain K. Viswanath, said here today.

Captain Viswanath, deprived by Air India International Cor-

Eisenhower Will
Make Appeal
At Big Four Talks
FULLY NEUTRALISED
EUROPE ENVISAGED

Washington, May 18.

President Eisenhower and his Secretary of State have now hinted at the possibility of persuading the Soviet leaders at the forthcoming Big Four conference to roll back the iron curtain from Eastern Europe to the Soviet borders.

President Eisenhower did so today at his press conference when he put in the forefront of topics for the conference "the problem of the satellite states" and the "penetration" activities of the Soviet controlled international Cominform.

The Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, in his television report to President Eisenhower yesterday was more specific.

He said that the "turning back" of the Soviet armies from Austria under the new state treaty would have a tremendous impact on the Eastern European countries bordering upon Austria or occupied by Soviet troops.

Bevan And
A Neutral
Germany

Reading, May 18.

Mr. Aneurin Bevan, Labour left-winger, declared here tonight if Russia proposed German unification on conditions of a neutral and disarmed Germany, he would be prepared to accept.

"Are the Tories?" he demanded. "Are they going to stand on the principle that in no circumstances will they agree to the neutralisation of Germany?"

A large number of Germans are in favour of a disarmed and neutral Germany and is it not in the interests of Britain and the human race that we should not encourage another Wehrmacht in Germany at the present time?"

Mr. Bevan also asked whether a Russia proposed at four-power talks that there should be a neutral Germany were we "going to insist that Germany shall be united and shall be free to join the West and arm herself?"

He continued: "If we do, it is a proposal that the Russians cannot be expected to agree to. If we are sane, we should recognise that if we are sincere in our desire to bring about world disarmament, we ought not to arm the nation that in the last generation brought two world wars."

He added that it would not be wise for any statesman today to try to drive the Chinese into the "same sort of political quarantine as they attempted to drive the Russian revolution into in 1920."—Reuter.

Release Request

Bonn, May 18. Defence counsel of Grand Admiral Doenitz—Hitler's successor as Fuehrer at the end of the war—has asked the West German government to intervene for his release from prison. Doenitz was sentenced at the Nuremberg trials to 10 years' imprisonment for war crimes.—Reuter.

Second Atomic
Submarine

Washington, May 18. America's second atomic powered submarine, the Seawolf, will be launched in mid-July at Groton, Connecticut, the Navy announced today.

The ship will be christened by Mrs. Sterling Cole, wife of Rep. W. Sterling Cole, a member of the Joint Congressional Atomic Committee.

The Navy said the exact date of launching the Seawolf will be announced later.—United Press.

KRUSHCHEV WANTS
CO-EXISTENCE

Moscow, May 19.

Mr. Nikita Krushchev, the Soviet Communist leader, said yesterday: "The fundamental principle of Soviet external policy is the acceptance of the possibility and necessity for peaceful co-existence of various social systems," the Soviet News Agency, Tass, reported today.

Speaking at the closing session of a three-day industrial conference in the Kremlin, Mr. Krushchev said a Soviet delegation led by himself would go to Yugoslavia at the end of this month "with an open heart."

He said the delegation was going chiefly "to guarantee the full normalisation of relations" on the political level between the two countries.

But it would also be to the advantage of both nations to develop "trade" and other economic relations.

The normalisation of relations between Russia and Yugoslavia had "great importance for the reduction of international tension and the guaranteeing of peace" throughout the world.

THE PRINCIPLE

"We firmly hold the view that to normalise relations between states, it is necessary to follow the principle of equality and mutual non-interference in internal affairs," Mr. Krushchev said.

Only on the basis of co-existence could "normal relations and a working co-operation" be established among all nations.

But instead of this there were those who followed the policy of "from positions of strength."

Mr. Krushchev said: "Aggressive cliques following their policy of preparing a new war, are organizing military blocs, carrying on the arms race, threatening peoples with atomic war, re-establishing German militarism and carrying out various different measures directed against the peaceful life of peoples."

The Soviet proposals for disarmament, however, "offer a real basis to push forward in a practical way the matter of arms reduction, the prohibition of atomic and other weapons of mass destruction and to remove the danger of new war."

BOURGEOIS PROPAGANDA

The Communist Party leader said "bourgeois propaganda" in the West was "insistently and maliciously" asserting that the Soviet Union wanted to seize the whole of Europe.

But Russia's willingness to sign an Austrian treaty and withdraw its troops from Austria gave the lie to this allegation.

"For who would withdraw his troops if he was preparing to attack?" Mr. Krushchev said.—Reuter.

Reprisal Raid

Tel-Aviv, May 19.

The Israeli Army announced early today that its troops "had stormed an Egyptian military position in the Gaza area last night as a reprisal against the mining of an Israeli vehicle on Tuesday."

A communiqué said the Israeli troops blew up installations after troops manning the Egyptian post had escaped.

It said the raid was carried out in the same area as the mining incident which killed three Israeli soldiers.—Reuter.

Plane Missing

Nairobi, May 18.

An East African Airways aircraft with 16 passengers on board is missing on a flight between Durban, South Africa, and Nairobi, it was reported here tonight.

The aircraft was due here before sunset and tonight military aircraft were patrolling regions where the plane might have crashed. They reported "fishing lights" on the slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro, about 100 miles south of Nairobi.—France-Press.

Reinforcements
For Riot Area

Accra, Gold Coast, May 18. Police reinforcements and a company of troops have been rushed to Kumasi, capital of Ashanti province, following riots there over the weekend.

Tension remains high in Kumasi, where a curfew from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. was imposed on Sunday.

Today was the first time in four days that police have not reported clashes or other incidents.—Reuter.



KRUSHCHEV

Russian Wooing
Of Tito

Washington, May 18.

Marshal Tito, Yugoslav Premier, will be in a strong position to extract economic concessions from the Soviet Union when he meets top Soviet leaders in Belgrade this month, Washington authorities said today.

The big question which is causing concern in the State Department, however, is what Marshal Tito might be persuaded to do in return.

Department experts are under no illusions about the impact of the attractions which the Soviet Premier, Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, and the First Secretary of the Communist Party, Mr. Nikita Krushchev, could offer in an attempt to lure independent Yugoslavia back into the Soviet fold.

Experts welcomed Marshal Tito's weekend statement that the forthcoming meeting would mean "no change" in Yugoslav policy.

But it was still felt here that the Soviet's primary objective would be to weaken the ties established between Yugoslavia and the West by the powerful inducement to profitable trade with the Soviet bloc and other concessions which the Marshal would find extremely hard to resist.

OPENING THE WAY

Once economic relations were established, the way would be open for political approaches from the Soviets designed to make independent Yugoslavia the southern end of a European corridor of neutralised states running northwards to Finland.

There was some speculation that the Soviet delegation would seek Yugoslav participation in the recently formed Eastern European mutual defence system, but official opinion was that any effort along these lines would fail.

Since Yugoslavia broke away from the Moscow-led Cominform in 1948, Marshal Tito has steered an almost independent course in the East-West cold war, though he has received military and economic aid from the United States and indirectly linked his country with the North Atlantic Pact through a Balkan security alliance with Greece and Turkey.

PRELIMINARY WEDGE

The Soviet Union obviously wished to end such ties and the fact that its top men are willing to travel to Belgrade to talk to the man they once called a "renegade" and "deviationist" clearly indicates they hope to drive in a preliminary wedge at least.

The State Department had some of its fears dispelled when the Marshal publicly announced that he would not "manoeuvre behind the scenes" in the coming talks, would not join an

16 Catholics
Released

Buenos Aires, May 18.

All 16 leaders of Argentina's leading Catholic organization—Catholic Action—who were arrested on May 7 following Catholic demonstrations here have now been released without charges.

About 40 people, including several priests, who were arrested after skirmishes between police and Catholics, are still in prison in various cities.

The Chamber of Deputies is expected to begin a debate today on the proposed bill, to separate Church and State.

A committee on constitutional affairs issued a report on the bill today. It recommended "partial reform of the national constitution in all questions relating to relations with the Church in order to secure equality and freedom of worship."—Reuter.

MODY ROAD FIRE

Narrow
Escape
For Two
Families

Two British service families narrowly escaped death early this morning, when fire broke out in the living room of their flat at 1 Mody Road, Kowloon.

The flat on the third floor of a newly-erected apartment house, was completely gutted by the blaze which started shortly after 3 a.m. The apartment on the floor above, also occupied by a service family, caught fire but damage was comparatively slight.

There were no casualties. Sergeant McNamee, one of the occupants of the apartment, awoke to find that the living room was a solid mass of flames. Seeing that it had already spread too much to be put out without help, he woke his wife and three children, and Sgt. and Mrs. Palmer (the other occupants).

FLATS EVACUATED

Tenants on the other floors were awakened by the NCO's, and the entire block was evacuated.

A watchman on patrol in the area, saw the blaze and turned in a "999" call at 3.32 a.m. Six fire appliances arrived on the scene within a matter of minutes. By that time the third floor flat was enveloped in flames which were licking into the windows of the floor above.

Under the direction of Deputy Chief Fire Officer C.W. Brand, and Fire Officer W.L. Shipway, the firemen had the blaze under control by 3.50 a.m. It was extinguished shortly afterwards.

One of the firemen, interviewed by the China Mail at the scene, stated that there was no clue as yet concerning the origin of the fire.

"The third floor is completely gutted with the exception of the kitchen. Some curtains caught fire on the floor above and spread to the furniture on the floor of the fourth story was scorched by the heat from below, but otherwise the flat is not damaged very much," he said.

Police Inspectors J. Andrews and Gingles, of Tsimshatsui Police Station, were at the scene directing the Police.

ANOTHER OUTBREAK

While the fire appliances in Kowloon rushed to the blaze at Mody Road, another fire broke out about the same time in Tai Po Old Market. A newly-installed appliance at the Tai Po Fire Station quickly put out the fire before it did much damage.

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Communist-Trained Veterans May Be Leading 'Army Of God' NORTH AFRICAN OFFENSIVE

Algiers, May 18.

French military commanders warned tonight Communist-trained veterans of the Indo-China war may be leading the new "Army of God" nationalist offensive against French settlers in North Africa.

Top French military leaders meeting at Constantine with the chief administrator, M. Pierre Dupuch, reached the conclusion as tank-led French forces scattered rebel bands back to their mountain hideouts.

COUNTERFEIT CHARGES

Tokyo, May 18. The US Army disclosed today it has arrested a 27-year-old Corporal for passing counterfeit 10 scrip bills in the first break in large-scale counterfeit ring here.

The spokesman said that the Corporal was arrested on Tuesday when he tried to exchange the bogus payment certificates, local currency for all Service-men in the Far East, for Japanese yen at nearby Camp Drake.

Arrested later were six persons who had a total of \$88,970 in counterfeit military currency.—United Press.

Unions Want To Attend Atomic Conference

Vienna, May 18.

The Executive Committee of the anti-Communist International Confederation of Free Trade Unions today decided to call a trade union conference to discuss the peaceful uses of atomic energy.

It will also press for the right to send an observer to the "atoms for peace conference" to be attended by over 50 countries in Geneva next August.

This was announced at the end of the Committee's three-day session here, held to prepare for the fourth world congress of the Confederation opening on Friday.

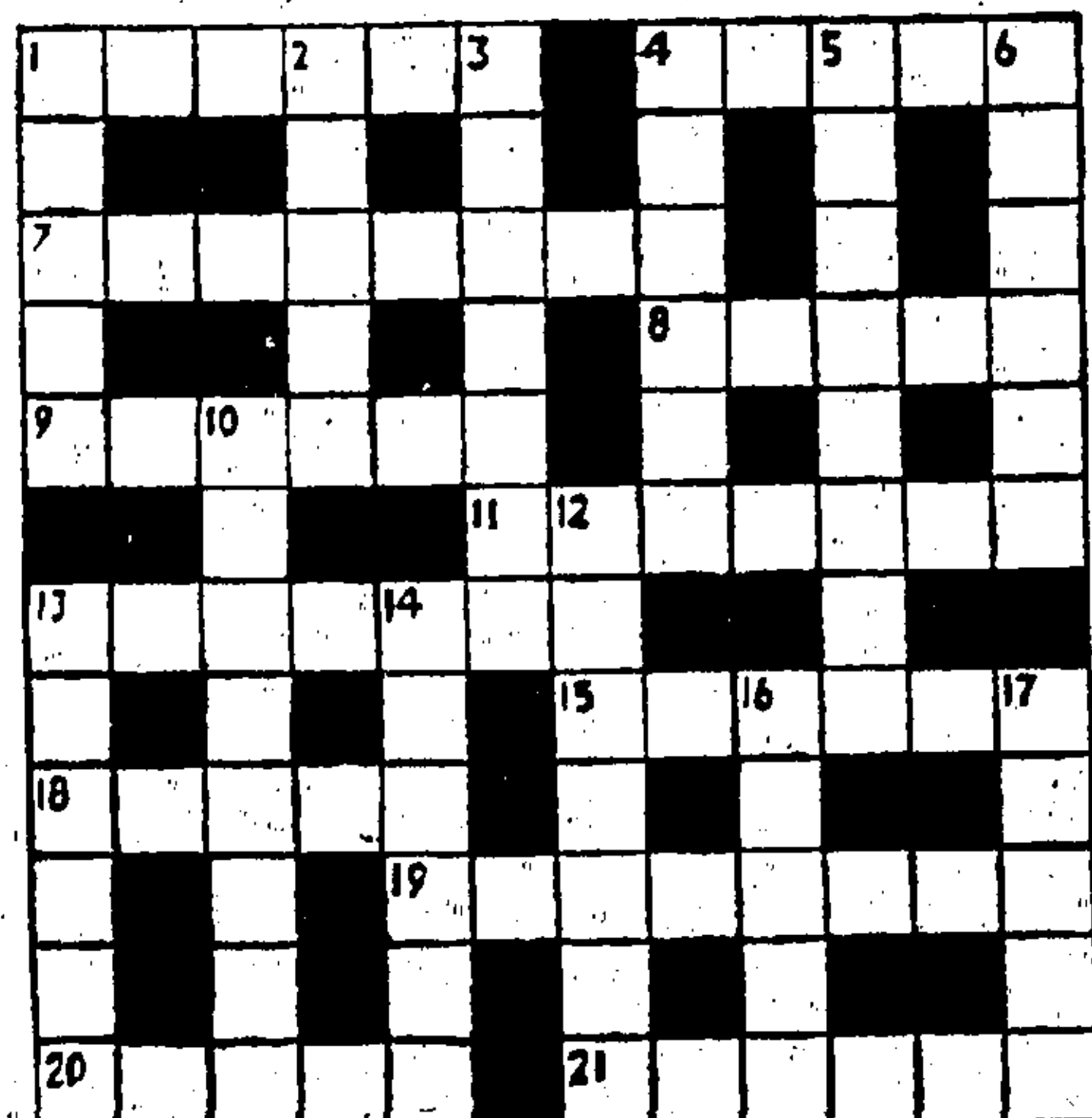
54M MEMBERSHIP

The Confederation has a membership of more than 54,000,000 workers in 77 countries, a spokesman stated at a Press conference.

An important subject discussed by the executive was commodity prices and wages. The spokesman said that workers of highly developed industrial countries should learn they ought not to consume cheap tea or fruit when the low prices were due to bad pay and conditions of the workers who produced them.

Asked if this meant a boycott on tea drinking, the speaker said it did not but it meant an effort to get better conditions for workers on plantations producing tea, rubber, copra, fruit and so on.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Scales (6).
- 4 Minute passages in the skin (5).
- 7 Fame (8).
- 8 Dominion (5).
- 9 Difficulty (5).
- 11 Wily (7).
- 12 Lament (7).
- 13 Unexpected (6).
- 14 Fool (5).
- 15 Be wary (8).
- 16 Skeleton formation (5).
- 17 Happenings (6).

DOWN

- 1 Board game (5).
- 2 Heavenly food (5).
- 3 Legislator (7).
- 4 Looked closely (6).
- 5 Meagre (8).
- 6 Stayed behind (8).
- 7 What is left (7).
- 8 Reviewer (6).
- 9 Shrewd (6).
- 10 Dig into (5).
- 11 Requirements (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. News, 4. Carmine, 5. Team, 9. Otto, 10. Dungeon, 11. Red, 12. Germ, 14. Dentist, 17. Amuse, 18. Odor, 22. Treated, 28. Egg, 27. Fool, 28. Flashed, 29. Tact, 30. Aged, 31. Prelate, 32. East, Down: 2. Edean, 3. Storms, 4. Cited, 5. Amulet, 6. Might, 7. Nooks, 12. Galt, 13. Bust, 14. Idiot, 16. Two, 18. Defect, 20. Delude, 21. Ushers, 23. Ruler, 24. Aided, 25. Dodge.

King Baudouin Unveils Memorial



King Baudouin salutes during the unveiling ceremony of a special memorial built at Liege, Belgium, to the memory of the men who died in the Resistance movement.—Express Photo.

Princess Margaret Visiting Germany

Bonn, May 19.

Princess Margaret will receive the good wishes of a newly sovereign West Germany when she arrives for her two-day visit on Monday.

When Princess Margaret came here last year, Western Germany was still occupied and not then allied to Britain.

The British have informed Dr Theodor Heuss, the West German President, that the sister of Britain's Queen is on her way but as it is a strictly private affair the Germans will play little part in the visit.

GOOD WISHES

Dr Heuss will convey his good wishes to the Royal visitor through his Secretary of State, Dr Manfred Krieger, and the Federal Government through the Office of Protocol, Dr Ernst Mohr, who will greet the Princess at the Bonn airport near Cologne.

The Princess, who is relying on good weather for her largely out of doors activities here, will be attended by two extraordinary aides de camp from her own two regiments out here.

They are to be Lieutenant Richard Wilson of Romney, Hampshire, from the 1st Battalion the Suffolk Regiment, and Captain Michael Dwyer of the 3rd Hussars, who comes from Farnham, Surrey. Captain Dwyer was ADC to the Princess on her last visit here.

Lieutenant Wilson, who is a regular officer, served with his regiment in Malaya, where it killed more bandits than any other British regiment there. These two officers, along with the Princess's own permanent ADC Captain Michael Dwyer, of the Coldstream Guards, will wear the special lanyard of a Royal ADC on their shoulders during the visit.

One of their jobs will be to present to the Princess young officers who wish to dance with her at the 3rd Hussars ball at Lisle on Tuesday.

Princess Margaret will present colours to the Suffolks on Monday and watch a gymnastics with the 3rd Hussars on Tuesday. The gymnastics will have events in which all the Regimental men, women and children can take part—jumping and racing, sack races and egg and spoon races.

The Princess will spend both nights of her stay at the house of Brigadier and Mrs R. H. Batten, commander of the 5th Infantry Brigade.

On Wednesday, after the ball, she will drive to Guttenberg Royal Air Force station, from where she will fly back to London in a Viking of the Queen's Flight.—Chion Mail Special.

Thousands Left In N. Vietnam

Paris, May 18.

Thousands of people eager to escape Communist rule were reported to have been left behind in North Vietnam today on the expiry of a migration programme arranged under the terms of the Indo-China armistice.

Britain tried in vain on May 7 to secure Soviet support for an extension of the programme which saw some 700,000 people cross into South Vietnam rather than live under the Communist Government of Ho Chi Minh.

There have been claims that 400,000 other Vietnamese, most of them Roman Catholics, wanted to leave but were unable to get away because of Communist obstruction.—Reuter.

CURIOUS DEATH OF PREACHER

Accident Or Murder?

New York, May 18.

A Coroner's Jury began an investigation today of the curious death of a Negro Baptist preacher whom the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People claimed was killed because he refused to surrender his right to vote.

A Justice of the Peace, Mr J. W. Wampler, said an inquest, delayed two days by absent jury members, would be called to sift through available evidence which might explain whether the Rev. G. W. Lee was killed in a traffic crash or died of shotgun wounds.

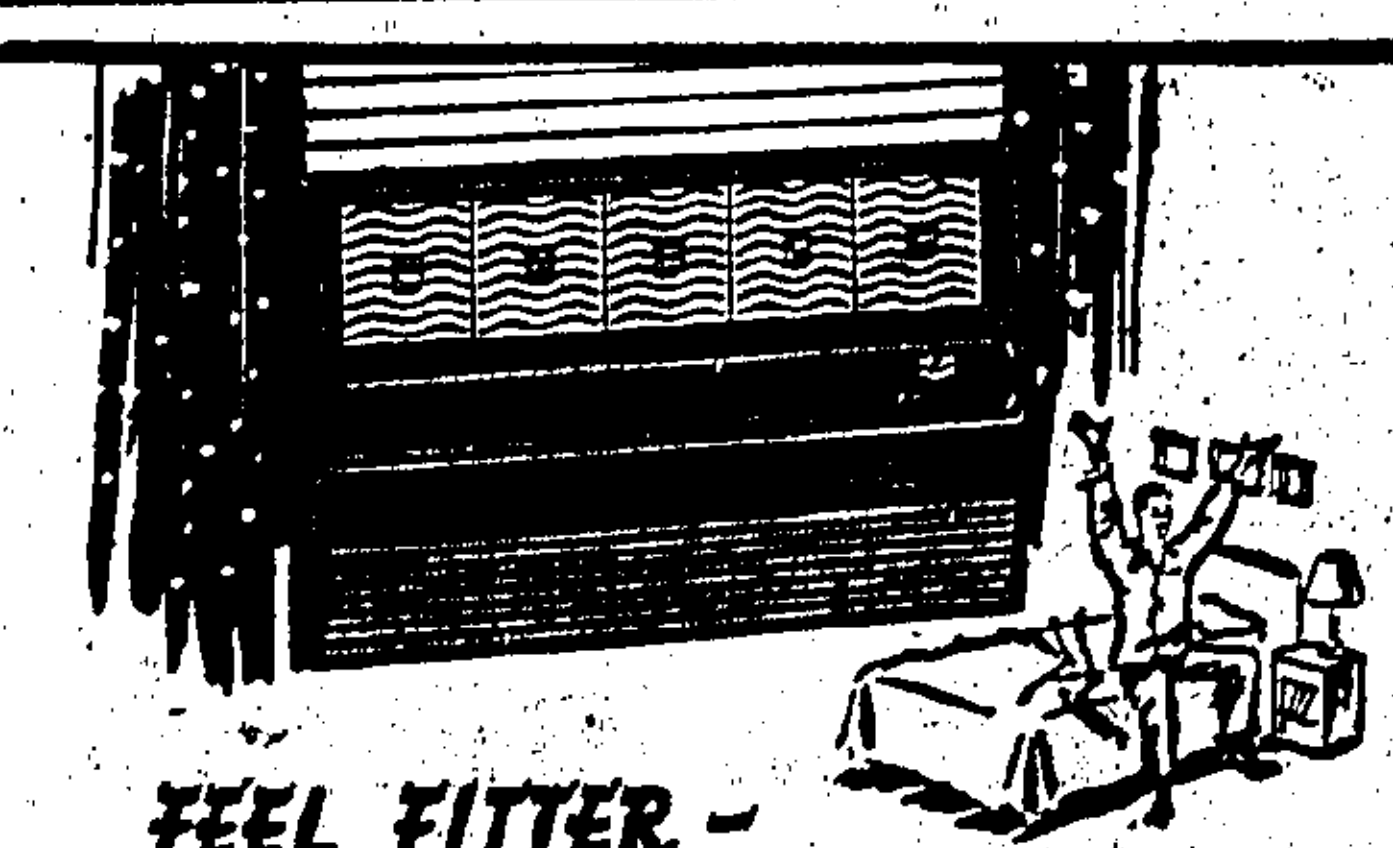
Mr Lee, 51, died on May 7 after his car crashed into a house in the heavily populated Negro district of the Mississippi delta town of Belzoni. Specimens of his flesh and metal particles found imbedded in the victim were examined in an FBI Laboratory.

ACTIVE IN DRIVE
Mr Lee had been active in a drive to register more Negro voters in defiance of a local "Citizens' Council," one of many found throughout the South, whose avowed aim is to discourage Negro registration.

In Birmingham, Alabama, Mrs Ruby Jurley, regional NAACP Secretary said, "The Rev. Lee was of course killed. He was active in the NAACP and was one of the few Negroes who registered to vote."

"He was told by the White Citizens' Council to remove his name from the voting list," Mrs Jurley said. "The NAACP legal department in New York is investigating his death as well as the FBI."

The Justice Department in Washington said that the FBI was making a preliminary investigation to determine whether any violation of the Federal civil rights laws might be involved.—United Press.



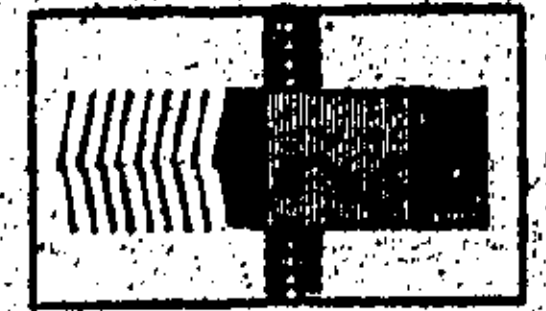
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Yalta Documents

RUSSIA BLAMES AMERICA

Moscow, May 18.

The first Soviet attempt to refute the Yalta documents published by the State Department earlier this year, was made by Moscow's top political magazine International Life today.

The magazine quoted documents from the Potsdam and Teheran conferences and several other top-level international meetings in an attempt to prove:

1. The Soviet Union was not responsible for German partition.
2. The Soviet Union was not opposed to re-establishing France as a great power.

GREAT IMPORTANCE

Diplomatic quarters here attached great importance to the article which followed on the heels of the conclusion of the Austrian State Treaty, which was signed at Vienna last Sunday.

These quarters said the German problem has now become the most important on the European agenda.

They said the Soviet Union is taking advantage of every chance to show France it should remain friendly to the Soviet Union.

The article said the United States did not let the Soviet Union had urged the partition of Germany and relegating of France to a subordinate position.

Diplomatic quarters here recalled that the Communist Party newspaper Pravda criticised the tone of the publication of the Yalta documents in an issue last March 20 but did not then cite the allegations made by the State Department.—France-Press.

Consultative Status For Veterans

United Nations, May 18.

The United Nations Economic and Social Council decided by a vote of 16 to 2 today to grant consultative status to the World Veterans Federation and nine other non-governmental organisations, including the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, the World Federation of Trade Unions and the International Chamber of Commerce.

The Soviet Union, which is not a member of the World Veterans Organisation, voted against the proposal together with Czechoslovakia.

LIMITED STATUS

The World Veterans Federation formerly held a limited consultative status together with 100 other non-governmental organisations.

The Federation comprises 18 million veterans in 121 branch organisations scattered throughout 29 countries.

Its Honorary President, France's Ex-President Vincent Auriol, was expected to speak at a meeting of the Economic and Social Council this afternoon.

The Federation, which has its headquarters in Paris, will be permanently represented at the Council by M. Jacques Katel.—France-Press.

Disarmament Agreement Possible

London, May 18.

Mr Selwyn Lloyd, Britain's Defence Minister, said in an election broadcast tonight the West's efforts for a disarmament agreement with Russia looked like "bearing fruit."

The main matter outstanding seemed to be the machinery to ensure that an agreement was carried out, he said.

ADJOURNED

Earlier today it was announced that the Aviation secret disarmament conference held here attended by Britain, the United States, Russia, France and Canada—had adjourned until June 1. Then it will meet in New York.

Mr Lloyd, formerly Britain's representative on the Commission, pledged that Britain would "never give up our efforts to obtain an agreement which will include the complete prohibition of all nuclear weapons"—Reuter.

CHURCHILL ACCUSED OF MAKING SILLY STATEMENTS

Chorley, Lancashire, May 18. Mr Clement Attlee, Labour Party leader, tonight rebuked Sir Winston Churchill for making "silly statements" about Labour's policy over the hydrogen bomb.

Sir Winston Churchill, he said, thought it an "extraordinary silly idea" that Labour should suggest that there should be no more experiments with the hydrogen bomb and that it

was silly to make the bomb and not experiment with it.

WELL KNOWN
"But the fact is that we know perfectly well the destructive power of the hydrogen bomb," Mr Attlee said. "What people do not quite know is that the effect of the explosion by the experiment of a number of hydrogen bombs is going to do to the world what you have experienced going on in the United States, per-

haps in parts of the British Commonwealth, and in Russia.

"There is a great danger of poisoning our atmosphere with effects on the human race itself possibly on animals and on vegetation."

Mr Attlee said Labour was right in its suggestion because scientists themselves did not profess to know what the exact results of the H-bomb experiments would be.—Reuter.

Soviet Nuclear Achievements

London, May 18.

A representative of the Soviet Academy of Sciences told a conference of Soviet industrial workers and specialists here today of the vast industrial possibilities created by the Soviet Union's achievements in the use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes.

He said a beginning had been made with the new energy supply and possibilities had been created for the preparation and use of various radioactive isotopes, the Soviet news agency, Tass, reported.

In the construction of the Kuibyshev, Gorky and Stalingrad power stations, instruments with radioactive cobalt had been used in the droppers and this increased the productivity of the machines by 20 per cent, he said.

He added, according to Tass, that the wide use of isotopes meant radical changes in many technological processes.

APPEAL

The conference ended today by appealing to Russian workers to do away with shortcomings and fulfil the five-year production plan ahead of schedule, Tass said.

Moscow radio reported that Mr Nikita Khrushchev, Secretary of the Communist Party, addressed the final meeting of the three-day conference.

On Monday Marshal Bulganin, Russian Premier, criticised the shortcomings of Soviet heavy industry at the conference and announced top-level reorganisation of his economic planners.

SHORTCOMINGS

Today the Minister of the Chemical Industry, Mr Sergei Tichomirov admitted that considerable shortcomings existed in his industry.

He said, according to Tass, that the stagnation and routine must be eliminated and complained that the Ministry of Machine and Apparatus Building was not devoting sufficient attention to the production of up-to-date equipment for the chemical industry.—Reuter.

DID IT HAPPEN? ...by H. E. BATES

The INDUSTRIOUS ANTS

IN the summer of 1944, in Calcutta, five of us lived in a little room at the top of a jute mill. McAlister, Ogden, Kerensky, Whiteside and myself.

I flew into the hot blackness of India on a night in June, fresh to a big strange city, knowing nobody, needing friends. An iron staircase, like a fire escape, went up the outside of the jute mill to the third floor, and as I climbed it, lugging my bed-roll, I could feel the metal railing still warm on my hands.

In each corner of the room was a camp bed. Four beds, ghostly, with mosquito netting, each under its naked electric light, and then, alone, in the centre, the five beds equidistant in isolation making a pattern like a live on a playing card.

The centre bed was empty. In three others the Americans, Ogden, Kerensky and Whiteside were all reading, lying on their sides.

"Hello," I said. I liked to be friendly with Americans. "Good evening," I gave my name. "Any idea which bed is mine?"

Nobody answered. Only Kerensky, a big, yellow-haired man with a shaven neck, made a swift reluctant gesture with his head towards the centre bed and then turned over, propping himself on the other elbow.

"I'm supposed to report to McAlister," I said. "Where could I find him? He's supposed to fix me up."

"Out, I guess," that was Ogden. "Maybe on a session," that was Whiteside. I went out, shutting the door.

"Leave that damn door open!" somebody yelled. It was not until morning that I found McAlister. His bed had not been slept in.

"Maybe you'll find him with your crowd in Clive Street," Kerensky said. He was quite the nicest of the Americans; sometimes he even spoke two words where one would do. "That's where he works."

Pertified

At eight-thirty I got a lift in a truck, went down to Clive Street and waited for McAlister. The offices where McAlister worked were shaded, small and hot. Men worked sweating under fans. About the corridors Indian service boys in khaki shorts, and a few others in crumpled dhotis, were waiting in a state of inscrutable bemusement for something to happen or someone to arrive.

They, too, it turned out, were waiting for McAlister. At eleven-thirty every Indian boy leapt stiffly to attention and

planned himself against the wall wherever he happened to be cowed, alarmed and petrified. A thin bony figure of 40, in Service shorts, with angular knees covered in crisp red hairs, strode aggressively past him, and presently a purring Scottish voice was scouring the air.

"All! Where the hell is Ali? Russell! Pilot Officer Russell! Ali—see this chit?—I'll stuff it down your damn throat if you don't sign it. Here, boy, here—see? All chits must be signed—out! Out of my way! Russell!—Barrington!—where the hell has Russell gone?"

"And who are you?" he said to me. "What do you want?"

Another story which tests the problem—did it REALLY happen? These stories by famous people could be FACT or FICTION. The test is—can YOU detect the fiction from the fact?

At the last moment, not quite quickly enough, he looked at the tabs on my shoulder. There were three of them: exactly like his own.

When I told him who I was his pale beady eyes jumped about between reddish lids, the whites bloodshot with sleeplessness, and he said:

"You know you should have been here yesterday? You know that? Everybody was expecting you!"

"I was here yesterday," I said. "Maybe, maybe," he said. "But did you report? Did you report?"

"It was late," I tried to speak calmly. "There was," I said, "nobody to report to. I couldn't find you—"

"You should have reported, man!" he said. "You should have reported!"

It was not, I felt, a very good beginning. In the heat of India, in the low suffocating oven of Bengal, good beginnings are important. From bad beginnings stem all the gnawing irritations, the little frictions, the shrill, fretful exhaustions that finally crack you, send you round the bend and make you feel there are ants in your brain.

Presently, as the days went by, growing hotter and hotter, I saw more and more of McAlister. It was very necessary, in fact, to see more and more of McAlister because, in a sense, you could not live without him.

McAlister was King. McAlister was Lord of Administration: in-traits, out-traits, leave-forms, allowances, drivers, trucks, jeeps, chits—chits for petrol and rations, chits for pay and transport, chits for everything.

Gradually it became clear to me that McAlister, the possessor of us all, possessed the keys to other things.

"Some of these little nurses that come down from Burma—in his hard, cryptic Scottish way he always pronounced it Bumma—were a bit of all right. Some of them are quite fast wee lassies. And they're hungry too when they come down after being up there so long—they're very hungry, I'm telling you."

"And are you hungry, too?" I said once, "or do you always prefer to be thirsty?"

I could see he didn't like that; but he had a good reply. "I don't have to be hungry," he said. "They know they can't move without me. If they want to fly back to Burma it's me they have to see. And if they don't want to fly back to Burma—you know, not for another day and a night or two—they know who to come to."

His sessions

Perhaps a soberer man would not have confided these things. But McAlister, as Whiteside had remarked, was fond of sessions. His sessions consisted of seeing the down-up with fellow Scotsmen, mostly leather-skinned jute-men from Dundee, and very occasional Americans, over bottles of Scotch and rye.

It was after one of these sessions that he said to me:

"There's a wee nurse named Margaret coming down from Chittagong next week. She's not much to look at—but you know it's often the ugliest lassies that have the nicest figures. She's not much of a face, but she's a nice plump pair of—"

I broke in on this catalogue of the hidden virtues of nurses to remind him that he had promised me a flight to Akyab.

"I'm minding it," he said. "I've got nothing but a pair of pants going over for a day or two. And they're half eaten by ants again. You wouldn't want to be bunged in one of the old Warwick's, would you? You must be patient, man."

"I'm in your hands," I said.

Disillusioned

There came into Calcutta, a day or two later, the nurse named Margaret. She was a nice girl, small, plain and undistinguished, with an unattractive pallor and dark-rimmed eyes not improved by a year of Burma sun. She seemed tired and disillusioned about something, and I did not think she seemed hungry for anything except perhaps cream cakes and a well-cooked plate of eggs and bacon.

Nurses on leave were quarantined in another part of the jute mill, and one morning after a week or more, I gave her a lift in a jeep that, with some bluff and a little patience, I had extracted from McAlister.

From the window of our crowded little room on the third floor I had seen her waiting for some time in the compound, in the blazing sun.

"Thank you very much," she said as she climbed in. "I was beginning to feel quite faint out there."

The fare

Somehow I had gained the impression that she was Scots, and I told her so.

"Scots? Don't insult me," she said. "I'm English—English to the bone. Scots, my God."

"Don't like the Scots?" I asked. "Loathe them," she said. "This place is full of them. Ooh! and aye! and will ye and will ye not—I hate them."

It seemed to me that there was possibly more in her affronted English voice than a nothing going up there for days.

"He does, Lord God Almighty," she said. "She did not look merely tired and dispirited. She, too, had made a bad beginning, and now the ants were in her brain."

"Better come and have a drink," I said. I managed to take her into a bar where bugs did not bite us. After three drinks I thought she would cry. Instead, she gripped the arms of the wicker chair and said:

"He just does it to frustrate me. He knows he could get me away tomorrow if—but I've been had once and I won't be had again. Not by him, anyway. Not if the war goes on till Doomsday."

"I think somebody," I said, "will have to speak to our friend McAlister."

Next day, I walked into McAlister's shady, fan-cooled office and said:

"Anything going up to Chittagong?"

"A Dak this morning and a Becharoff this afternoon," he said. "Why? You want to go to Akyab?"

"Put Margaret on the Dak," I said.

"Raw nerves"

His normally red baldish head went white; the hair quivering under the fan.

"Nurses on leave have no priority," he said. "Priority, my foot. Both airplanes are full. They've been full for days. I've even two Group Captains waiting."

"Let them wait," I said. "Put her on the Dak."

In the hot shadiness, under the whirling fan, we stood there glaring. His eyes were bloodshot with hatred. I hated him too and his nerves were raw. There was nothing much to say and I said it as simply, briefly and succinctly as I could.

That afternoon she flew up to Chittagong. Two mornings later McAlister sent a chit for me to go to his office. With intense black-eyed formality he said:

"Can you be ready this afternoon? There's a Dak going to Akyab at 14.00 hours."



Drawing by KOOALMAN

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I was ready. I drove down to the airfield. I checked myself in and then looked at the airplanes that were standing there. A sergeant with a heap of luggage pointed to a Warwick and said:

"I think that's us, sir. That's if you're going to Akyab."

"No, sir," the sergeant said. "The Warwick's the Akyab airplane. But there's a Becharoff there—I think perhaps that'll be going, too."

I went back to movement control office, managed to change my airplane and then flew in the Becharoff to Akyab.

Blinding dust

Two hours later we flew in over a white faring basin of dust to touch down by a smoking ruin of something that was blanketing the sun. Heat struck at the landing aircraft like the heat of a furnace and a corporal who opened the door said:

"Mind your step. Get the grill full on. Somebody dropped the fat in the fire."

I stood on hot, blinding dust, watching at the other end of the runway, the unrecognisable smoking skeleton of an airplane.

"What was it?" I said. "Warwick," the corporal said. "They never should fly the bloody things. The ants get in them. The ants are always eating them away."

"It's always the ants," I said. And then I knew—and I have been certain ever since—that McAlister, the little King, the friend of lonely nurses, the possessor of us all had hoped I would not come back again.

I do not think I was wrong. The only thing I was wrong about was the ants.

They are really termites of course.

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DID IT REALLY HAPPEN?

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Put your tick in the space above and keep this panel by you till tomorrow when the answer will be given—will another story in this series by...

J. P. W. MALLALIEU

Did yesterday's story "The Man Who Loved Life," by Peter Ustinov, actually happen? The answer: YES

HAVE FUN, SAYS ELSA

By Douglas Clark

London. It is a mysterious affair, this quarrel. In 1931 he Duchess was throwing Elsa a statey compliment. "We find her charming and she amuses us with the funny stories she invariably has to tell." Then suddenly—a terrible frodoor, each avoiding the other at parties, each stuffy surrounded by her separate coterie.

Chunky little Elsa Maxwell is coming to stay.

The hostess with the mostes on the ball is tripping over from the Continent to attend, among other things, a London luncheon which will officially launch her autobiography, "I Married The World."

It will be a worthwhile sight to see Miss Maxwell bouncing into The Boltons. I rate her, at 72, in physique and character, the nearest human approach to a rubber ball. Standing just over 5ft. weighing 14st. 4lb. she is quite round. And she bounces ceaselessly.

Miss Maxwell is not to be numbered, like the orange, among California's more tasteless exports. She is a girl of rich, full flavour. She started life, as everybody knows, a humble pianist in a silent cinema; but the pianola is more in her line. She is non-stop and noisy.

In the swim.

IN the social swim, some go under and others float lifelessly: Miss Maxwell forges onward with a sturdy crawl.

With endless energy she hunts out her lions. ("Elsa knows Augustus John so well that she calls him Augustus Jack.") With relentless vitality she flings together the high-born and the merely talented.

In the cosmopolitan social set she combines the driving force of a bulldozer with the pulling power of Rasputin.

What does Miss Maxwell like best? Gruffly, repeatedly, she tells us. "Fun—that is the important thing. Have fun."

But there have been times ("I prefer intellectual outlets for my energy") when her life has gone out a deeper, graver note.

As when she expressed her fervent hope for the future of the British Empire. ("Boy, I want to see it saved!")

As in that still, pregnant moment after last year's performance of "The Frog" when royalty came backstage to talk to its glittering amateur cast. ("I was not presented.")

And as, of course, all through her sombre quarrel with the Duchess of Windsor, which has caused gossip for two years.

Aloof

WAS there a reconciliation last spring? Many thought so. Noel Coward, it was said, was the exquisitely tactful go-between. But presto, in July there were the Duchess and Elsa at another party, coolly aloof again in opposite corners. And the reason for it all? Elsa is wordily uninformative.

"I will only say one thing about the Duchess. I think she was wrong—terribly wrong—not to have accepted the responsibility of history. That is all I have to say."

What is it that has lifted this tireless little Californian, unaided by the advantages of birth or beauty, to her unrivalled position as queen of party-givers, as boss of the social whirl?

Perhaps the answer is that she does for the international smart set what Wilfred Pickles does for the British proletariat.

She gives the depressed class of the Almanach de Gotha a sense of importance and well being.

She has the trick of investing her party gimmicks with enormous meaning.

She can turn the act of milking champagne from the udders of an artificial cow at New York's Waldorf-Astoria into a gesture of social significance.

Busy bouncing

SO, busily bouncing between Paris and Cannes, London and Rome, Miss Maxwell goes about her humane tasks of restoring the self-confidence of the Almanach's distressed families. She is the Florence Nightingale of Europe's Upper Set. But where does the cash come from? "I'm allergic to money," she confesses.

Her autobiography gives more guidance. It seems that hotels and restaurants everywhere are so anxious to capitalise on the publicity which her patronage brings them that she may have few living expenses to meet at all.

If it is true that she gets her fun all round nobody in the Maxwell set is ever likely to complain.

For there is something else they can all be grateful to her for.

She treats them without the slightest trace of condescension.

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DON IDDON'S DIARY

New York, Tuesday.

WHEN I got back to New York my doctor telephoned and said: "While you have been away there have been all sorts of developments and confusion regarding the Salk polio vaccine. Do you still want Diana to be inoculated?"

Diana, my younger daughter, is aged eight. I told the doctor that I would have to check further before the child's mother and I could make a decision. Millions of parents are doing the same thing—checking and worrying.

All over the country there is a dreadful fear that something has gone seriously wrong with the production of the vaccine which was to rout and perhaps conquer infantile paralysis.

Dr Jonas Salk, the scientist who developed the serum, has remained calm, confident, and I think, a little contemptuous of the politics-playing that is going on. Possibly he has made too many speeches, and it might have been better if he had remained in his laboratory as he originally planned.

The way that the Salk vaccine has been handled from the beginning has not been impressive.

There is a stock market boom in the shares of certain of the manufacturers.

The Salk story could be explosive politically and the Administration has been evasive,

IN THE NEWS: THE POLIO VACCINE ROW AND RISE IN TEENAGE CRIME

The announcement itself in Ann Arbor, Michigan, was like a Hollywood or Broadway premiere—a sort of super-social occasion, Killeg-lit and with an array of television and news-reel cameras present.

At the time several scientists criticised the gaudy publicity get-up and high-pressure business tactics.

Since the announcement there has been one mix-up after another. The most serious critic of some of the companies manufacturing the Salk vaccine is the columnist Walter Winchell.

Winchell is sometimes sensational, but he is more often right than wrong. I listened to him the other night and after he had described the margin for error in the Salk vaccine, I decided that this was not the time to have my child inoculated.

There is harrowing worry for tens of thousands of parents whose children have already been injected with the vaccine.

Commercialism

THE Salk story has also been tainted by cynical commercialism. Some doctors have been charging \$10 for a \$2 shot of the serum, and there have been incidents of doctors in New York and other cities inoculating adults for high fees.

Dr. Salk himself has been accused of "padding" his list of children who have been better off if he had remained in his laboratory as he originally planned.

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The Salk story could be explosive politically and the Administration has been evasive,

confused, and contradictory in some of its statements.

Representative Emanuel Celler alleges that Surgeon-General Leonard Scheele's reappraisal of vaccine production "stirred up a witch's brew of uncertainty and confusion." Senator Warren Magnuson says: "I want a full report on all steps taken to straighten out the irresponsible muddle in handling the Salk vaccine."

And Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and a great friend of the late Franklin Roosevelt, who was himself a polio victim comments: "I can find nothing in the Surgeon-General's voluminous report that gives any sound scientific reason for suspending the inoculations."

But suspended they are, pending a new check.

New York City Mayor Robert Wagner hopes to start inoculations soon.

The mayor's desk is piled high with problems. There has been an outbreak of juvenile delinquency, the brutal, senseless murder of a 15-year-old boy, Billy Blankenship, and a wave of bootlegging by mobs of boys and girls.

I was surprised when I parked my car in 88th Street, between Park and Lexington Avenues yesterday, and a cop said: "I wouldn't leave your automobile there, buddy—it's liable to get marked up."

The policeman told me that gangs of youths had been going around the neighbourhood with knives and mauls, mauling

the paintwork and tyres of cars and ripping the canvas tops of convertibles.

"The girls are sometimes worse than the boys," he said. "There were schoolgirls mauling the murderer of Billy Blankenship and demonstrating outside the funeral parlour. These young punks should be put in goal."

Last Sunday Mayor Wagner pledged an all-out fight on teenage crime. He plans to spend \$3,000,000 over the next three years. If Wagner doesn't succeed more parents like the Blankenships are going to consider leaving New York City for good.

Housing stunt

NEW YORK today is no place to bring up children. More and more people are moving out to the suburbs, to Long Island, to Westchester and Connecticut, and across the Hudson River to New Jersey.

Because of the demands of my job I have to live in Manhattan, right in the heart of New York City. The day I returned from Nevada I learned that the apartment building in which I live is going "co-operative."

This means that tenants have to buy their apartments or flats by putting down a lump sum of money, as well as pay monthly maintenance charges, which are in most instances about three-quarters of the previous rent.

When a tenant leaves a co-operative building he sells his apartment (or tries to). If property is booming he makes a profit on his initial investment, and if property is in a slump he takes a loss.

I have lived in ten different apartment houses during my time here, and have moved twice as buildings became co-operatives. Now I think I shall say put.

My trip back from Las Vegas took only eight hours flying time, and I stopped off in Chicago, one of my favourite cities, for a couple of hours.

The Americans are wonderfully efficient in running their domestic airlines. The service is superb, and the latest planes, particularly the DC-7 in which I flew from New York to Chicago in two hours (we had a tail wind of 50 m.p.h.), are magnificent aircraft.

An airline official told me that the British Viscounts are even better. The Americans have been exceedingly generous with the publicity they have lavished upon the Viscount—in fact, they ripped it apart.

There are several letters from readers regarding my dispatches from Nevada, particularly about Las Vegas.

I hope I did not overdo my criticisms of the gambling town. During the last few days there I met some of the local residents—good, hard-working Americans with small earnings who shun the casinos, the bars and the call-girls.

There are 45 churches in Las Vegas, and their pastors say they are battling evil.

I wonder why Billy Graham, who has done so much good for so many people, doesn't carry his crusade to his own Nevada. There is a very big job to be done—surely a bigger one than in Scotland or in England.

On my last day in Las Vegas I met a showgirl in the Lib-

erty cabaret. She comes from Manchester and her name is Jean Cropper, but she has adopted the name Jean Chaire for the stage. She is a brilliant mimic and could be a younger Grace Field.

Miss Cropper earns \$135 a week for her brief appearances in the chorus line and has been out West only a few years.

Noel Coward is due in Las Vegas soon, and I can hardly wait to hear how Noel reacts to the place.

Here in New York there are fewer big names on Broadway than on Las Vegas's famous Strip. The little gambling town which has bloomed in the desert of the waste land is close to becoming the entertainment capital of the New World.

Biggest hit

THE biggest hit in Manhattan is a new musical called "Damn Yankees," which guys the famous baseball team, The Wall Street Journal's drama critic comments solemnly: "The new musical hit is not for Englishmen, but it's for almost everyone else."

Englishman Edmund Purdon is leaving ahead of most male stars in pictures. His studio, MGM, says he is the greatest find in years.

But the veterans retain their popularity. James Stewart, who has been in movies 20 years, has four pictures playing in New York just now. James Cagney, who is 51, also has four new pictures about to be released.

Cagney, 54, Miland, 47, Coleman, 64, are three others who have endured.



Stanley Seymour

STANLEY SEYMOUR IS THE ODD MAN OUT AMONG FOOTBALL DIRECTORS

They call him Mr Cheque Book, Mr Newcastle United, Mr Soccer Dictator.

"They can call me whatever they like," says Mr Stanley Seymour, chairman of Newcastle United, who, against Manchester City, won their third Cup Final at Wembley in five years.

"I'm Newcastle United. First, second, and last. Nothing else matters to me."

And you have to strain your ears to catch his Geordie accent. Seymour, 62 years old this month, a bowler hat covering his bald head, has come up the hard way—he began as a player. Fourteen years after he had scored a goal for Newcastle from the left wing in the Wembley Cup Final of 1924 against Aston Villa, United were in the financial and playing dumps. They had just missed relegation to the Third Division; were "in the red" for something like £20,000.

Seymour was invited to join the Newcastle goalkeeper, You'd rather wear your own old cap, wouldn't you?"

"Right. Never mind the FA idea to make you posh. Wear your own cap."

Recently a well-known sports writer attacked a ban on admission to the players' dressing rooms at Newcastle's ground, St James' Park and referred to the "iron curtain" there.

Seymour's reply to that? "One? Two tickets from his personal allotment for this year's Cup Final, and an invitation to the celebration banquet afterwards."

Now what can you do about a man like that?

BEHIND-THE-SCENES

Note For Women Fans:

Seymour's wife Letty never misses a match. "She always has two bags packed—one for me when I am going away and the other when I return and start off on another football journey."

—London Express Service.

South Africans All Out For 268 Against Cambridge University

Cambridge, May 18.

The South Africans were all out for 268 at the close of play today in their match against Cambridge University here.

The South Africans failed to press home their excellent start, with the middle batsmen collapsing against the varied Cambridge attack.

The tourists were all out in the last over of the day for 268. At tea they were 180 for two. Cambridge fielded their strongest side of the season so far, which included eight blues.

The best South African stand was that between Jackie McGlew and John Waite, who for the first time in the tour made the opening wicket partnership worth more than 100 runs.

They took exactly two hours to reach three figures.

Waite was the more aggressive of the two but was first to go, caught at backward short-leg off Singh after making 78. McGlew was clean bowled for 85 in the last over before tea, by Singh.—Reuter.

St. John Ambulance Orders

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BRIDGE OVER AUCKLAND HARBOUR

Auckland, May 18. Preliminary work for the construction of the \$5,000,000 Auckland Harbour bridge has been speeded up.

Trial pits have been dug to explore the strata for the 2,000-ton concrete foundations for the bridge. There will be no foundations for the bridge piers, the design being prefabricated in British and concrete for supplies of local materials have been arranged.

Construction camps and buildings have been erected and supplies of building materials assembled before the contractors can begin actual construction.

The 3,480 feet long structure will be the culmination of a century of dreams of a bridge linking Auckland city with its beautiful north shore suburbs. First plans for a bridge were drawn up 95 years ago and are still in existence.

The bridge soon to rise over the Waitemata (sparkling waters) was designed by the late Sir Ralph Freeman.

Built on six piers, the cantilever-type bridge will carry four traffic lanes. There will be no footways. There will be a clearance of 148 feet at high spring tide and 154 feet at low spring tide.

JOINT CONTRACTORS

The joint contractors, are Dorman Long and Company and the Cleveland Bridge and Engineering Company. Dorman Long built the Sydney harbour bridge.

The Auckland Harbour Bridge Authority is building the bridge as a local undertaking but the New Zealand Government stands guarantor of a \$5,000,000 loan approved by the Local Government Loans Board. The bridge will be paid for out of tolls.

The contractors have speeded up their completion date from early 1959 to July 1958. Their contract provides that the bridge must be handed over to the Authority within 44 months of the signature of the contract in November 1954.

The Authority, which was set up by Parliament in 1951 to build and operate the bridge, estimates that by 1970, 1,700 vehicles will be using the bridge each day.

The present link between the city and its north shore suburbs is a passenger and vehicular ferry service.

The bridge has been planned to withstand New Zealand's periodic earthquakes, although Auckland is not normally particularly affected by these—China Mail Special.

SEGREGATION ISSUE

RULING EXPECTED SHORTLY

Washington, May 18. Chief Justice Earl Warren indicated today that the Supreme Court will issue an order before it recesses for the summer on how states should carry out its ruling abolishing school segregation.

"As has been the practice for many years, action in all argued cases is expected to be announced prior to adjournment," Mr Warren said in a speech prepared for delivery before the 32nd annual meeting of the American Law Institute.

The Court heard arguments last month on how its historic decision should be carried out. The justices will decide how and when the states should finally lower the racial bars in public schools.

PROBLEMS

There had been a possibility the Court might break with precedents and delay its ruling until next spring because of the importance of the decision and the vast sociological and legal problems involved.

But Mr Warren's statement apparently means the Court intends to hand down its order within a few weeks. The high tribunal is now scheduled to recess on May 31 but the date may be postponed for several weeks if the justices find they cannot meet the deadline—United Press.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

Brazilian Cotton Presents A Problem

MAY BECOME 2ND EXPORTER TO AMERICA

Washington, May 18.

The potential of Brazil as a producer and exporter of cotton has again become a major theme of comment and analysis among all students of the international cotton trade.

The immediate attention arises from the possible influence that United States cotton export policies in the coming cotton year—not decided—might have upon cotton production and marketing in other countries, including Brazil.

Policy-makers here must keep in mind that Mexico, Brazil and Peru and Egypt are among the great cotton-exporting countries. Any policy here that might lead to "dumping" or a "two-price" system in international trade might have serious repercussions in the cotton-exporting world.

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World Cotton Markets

New York, May 18. Cotton futures saw-sawed over a range of 51 a bale responding to small orders either way as traders adjusted commitments in the nearby July delivery.

Opening prices were unchanged to up 3 points. New Orleans closed off 2 to 18 points.

Traders supposed lightening of July contracts reflected the uncertainties relating to the volume of cotton to be sold out of the government stocks, plus the possibility of re-tenders of cotton stopped on the recently expired May delivery.

Farm legislation uncertainties, plus the question of whether or not the Government may decide on an export subsidy for next season kept traders on the alert anxiety.

Trading volumes and open interests in the exchange today were:

Month	Volume	Open Interest
May	48,800	23,800
July	8,600	6,700
October	1,900	475,300
December	13,900	502,300
March	4,300	20,700
May	8,100	227,100
July	3,000	120,400
Total (bales)	85,500	2,234,300

NEW YORK

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Spot	Volume	Open Interest
May	34,800	23,800
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LIVERPOOL

Future closings, American middling, in pence per lb. were as follows:

Month	Volume	Open Interest
May/June	32.24	32.24
July/Aug.	31.22	31.22
Oct./Nov.	30.54	30.54
Dec./Jan.	30.39	30.39
Mar./Apr.	30.27	30.27

SAO PAULO

Future closings, in cruzeiros per kilo were as follows:

Month	Volume	Open Interest
July	26.60	26.60
Oct.	31.50	31.50
Dec.	31.50	31.50
Mar.	31.50	31.50
May	31.50	31.50

In the United States, the average of 15/16 middling at ten designated spot markets was 23.84 cents. Sales at these centers totaled 9,728 bales—United Press.

BRITISH PETROLEUM SALES UP

London, May 18. British Petroleum Co., Ltd. reported record crude oil sales and higher earnings for 1954.

Consolidated net income of the giant oil company swelled to \$24,349,873, from \$23,589,434 in 1953.

Sales of crude oil and refined products last year averaged 820,000 barrels daily or 10.5 per cent over 1953.

The 1954 sales figure marked a gain of 20,000 barrels daily over the previous high set in 1950, the last full year of operations in Iran.

The company formerly was known as the Anglo-Iranian Oil Co., Ltd.

The report, signed by Lord Strathclyde, Chairman of the Board, noted that total world consumption rose some five per cent last year.

"This figure would have been greater but for the slight business recession in the USA, where the increase was limited to two per cent," the Chairman said.

He said consumption in the Eastern hemisphere, where the bulk of B-P's interest are located, rose 11 per cent—United Press.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

London, May 18. Buying picked up noticeably on the London Stock Exchange today on speculation the Tories might chalk up a majority of 80 seats over the Labour Party.

A Labour Party victory at the polls would mean more nationalisation of industry, according to that Party's own manifesto. Investors were therefore heartened by the growing feeling the Conservatives are

losing industrial stocks ran up sharply paced by the blue chips. Rolls-Royce added more than seven shillings, rising to a new peak of 80 shillings six pence. Vickers added more than 2 shillings.

Gold shares turned higher on demand from the Continent. Buying centred mainly in Orange Free States issues. Coppers firmed. Burmah and British Petroleum both added around four shillings to pace oils higher.

Profit-taking and interest in stocks combined to depress British Government bonds. The Gills were off as much as seven shillings. Foreign bonds were higher, particularly Germans—United Press.

New York Sugar Market

New York, May 18. World No. 4 sugar futures closed today unchanged to 4 points lower with sales of 51 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed unchanged to 2 points lower with sales of 40 contracts.

Future closings were:

Contract No. 4 (world)	Volume	Open Interest
July	3.23	3.23
Sept.	3.23	3.23
Nov.	3.23	3.23
Jan.	3.23	3.23
Mar.	3.23	3.23
May	3.23	3.23
Spot (cents per lb. for Cuba)	3.23	3.23
Contract No. 6	5.52	5.52
July	5.52	5.52
Sept.	5.52	5.52
Nov.	5.52	5.52
Jan.	5.52	5.52
Mar.	5.52	5.52
May	5.52	5.52
Spot (cents per lb. for U.S. ex-duty)	5.52	5.52

London Foreign Exchange

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Exchange Rates

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NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, May 18. A strong demand for aircraft shares today put up a general market rise which restored around \$1,000,000 to market valuations reduced in the recent series of declines.

Steel shares, shipbuilding issues, chemicals, motors and a special host of shares were all up a point or more.

Trading was stepped up a bit with turnover totalling 2,010,000. Demand for aircraft was on the heels of news that the Senate Armed Services Committee is planning an inquiry into the strength of United States air power in the light of an apparently significant rise in Russia's capabilities.

ALL UP Douglas and General Dynamics each climbed more than 1 point. United Aircraft and Boeing nearly 4 each; North American 2 points and Lockheed 2 1/2 points.

Shipbuilding shares moved up as Sen. Henry M. Jackson, the great cotton-exporting country, might lead to "dumping" or a "two-price" system in international trade might have serious repercussions in the cotton-exporting world.

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World Rubber Markets

Singapore, May 18. The rubber market was steady on moderate turnover. There was some profit-taking at present levels.

No. 1 rubber per lb. 91 1/2-91 3/4. No. 2 rubber per lb. 89 1/2-89 3/4. No. 3 rubber per lb. 87 1/2-87 3/4. No. 4 rubber per lb. 85 1/2-85 3/4. No. 5 rubber per lb. 83 1/2-83 3/4. No. 6 rubber per lb. 81 1/2-81 3/4. No. 7 rubber per lb. 79 1/2-79 3/4. No. 8 rubber per lb. 77 1/2-77 3/4. No. 9 rubber per lb. 75 1/2-75 3/4. No. 10 rubber per lb. 73 1/2-73 3/4. No. 11 rubber per lb. 71 1/2-71 3/4. No. 12 rubber per lb. 69 1/2-69 3/4. No. 13 rubber per lb. 67 1/2-67 3/4. No. 14 rubber per lb. 65 1/2-65 3/4. No. 15 rubber per lb. 63 1/2-63 3/4. No. 16 rubber per lb. 61 1/2-61 3/4. No. 17 rubber per lb. 59 1/2-59 3/4. No. 18 rubber per lb. 57 1/2-57 3/4. No. 19 rubber per lb. 55 1/2-55 3/4. No. 20 rubber per lb. 53 1/2-53 3/4. No. 21 rubber per lb. 51 1/2-51 3/4. No. 22 rubber per lb. 49 1/2-49 3/4. No. 23 rubber per lb. 47 1/2-47 3/4. No. 24 rubber per lb. 45 1/2-45 3/4. No. 25 rubber per lb. 43 1/2-43 3/4. No. 26 rubber per lb. 41 1/2-41 3/4. No. 27 rubber per lb. 39 1/2-39 3/4. 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ADMIRAL "SNORKEL" PEN

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Late Start

ROBERT never had much of a start in life. All his boyhood and early youth were spent in an orphanage. From there, when he was old enough, he was found a job on a farm.

The war was on, and as soon as he reached the requisite age Robert quit farming and volunteered for the Army.

GROWING

HE served through the rest of the war and when he was demobilised he got a job as a bus conductor in a seaside resort. From there he switched to mining, and from the pits went to the kitchens of a hotel. He was growing his way towards a career, and the course he pursued, was erratic, because there was no one to guide him.

In the course of his wanderings Robert collected a conviction—he was caught stealing from a lorry in Yorkshire.

RESPONSIBILITIES

THEN Robert married, and he found a job in London, found a furnished room, and began to put out roots—tender roots but miraculous growths to him, who never before had had roots anywhere.

A child was born and, a little scared, Robert found himself head of a household.

Neither he nor his wife were good at finance, and there came a time when he felt out of work and they had no money for the rent, for food, or for anything.

Robert sent his wife out on some errand. When she had gone he opened two gas meters in their lodgings, pocketed the £5-odd they contained, and packed a few necessities in two old-bags.

FLIGHT

WHEN his wife came back, Robert greeted her with: "We've got to leave here, at once," and handed her one of the grips.

The landlady saw them go, and when they were out of sight, went up to their room, and was a little surprised to find there two suitcases filled with their belongings—mostly the clothes of Robert's wife.

It was months before the police picked Robert up, and arrested him for the gas-meter crime. He and his family were living by then in different part of London, and their fortunes were beginning to recover.

IN NEED

ROBERT was brought to Bow Street, where he pleaded guilty to robbing the gas-meters, and to other charges relating to a money order for £9, he had found in this former lodgings, and cashed.

The magistrate, Mr K. J. P. Barraclough, was told the story, and then the officer telling it changed his manner and tone and said, in a paternal voice: "This man is very weak, sir, very much in need of guidance. I've seen his wife, too, and though her moral fibre is a bit stronger, they are both very young, mentally. I do feel they need help."

The magistrate nodded appreciatively, and turned to Robert: "Do you think you can resist this sort of temptation in the future, if you're given a chance?" he asked.

"I think so, yes, I think so, sir," Robert said.

"Very well, I shall put you on probation for two years—and you must pay back the money you took."

"Of course, sir," said Robert, "thank you, sir," and he went away, to reflect perhaps on the strangeness of things—that the first help he should have had for so long should have been inspired by a policeman bent upon his arrest.

WEST BERLIN CONTROLS

Berlin, May 18. Preliminary German-Allied talks opened here today aimed at a further relaxation of Allied controls over the government of West Berlin, city officials said.

City officials met advisers of the three Western commandants to discuss future relations between the city government and the Allied authorities here.

The city authorities want to achieve the greatest possible degree of self-government for West Berlin, but at the same time want to lay down the Allied commandants' responsibility for the city's security, the officials said.—Reuter.

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Code Of Conduct For GIs

CONCERN OVER BRAINWASHING

Washington, May 18. The United States Defense Department today set up a committee to write a code of conduct for American servicemen put under torture while prisoners.

The Defense Secretary, Mr. Charles Wilson, also asked a group of retired generals and admirals to recommend ways for training military personnel to defend themselves against brainwashing and other physical and mental tortures.

The problem of defence against efforts to indoctrinate prisoners with propaganda will also be studied.

Appointment of the group reflects concern about the number of Americans who broke under Communist captivity in Korea and for the smaller number who were receptive of Communist teaching in prison camps, officials said.

Mr. Wilson appointed the Assistant Defense Secretary, Mr. Carter Burgess, to head the new committee, and General John E. Hull, who recently retired after serving as United States and United Nations Commander-in-Chief in the Far East, as Vice-Chairman.

He gave the committee two months to make a report.—Reuter.

Talks Shrouded In Secrecy

Bombay, May 18. Talks in Peking between Mr. Chou En-lai, the Chinese Prime Minister, and Mr. Krishna Menon, India's chief diplomatic adviser, continued to be shrouded behind a cloak of strictest secrecy, according to a Press Trust of India report from Peking.

This is the ninth day of Mr. Menon's visit to China to discuss the Formosa problem.

He and Mr. Chou have held four separate meetings so far and they have also met four times at luncheon and dinners given in Mr. Menon's honour. Mr. Chou has also accompanied Mr. Menon on a day's sightseeing in Peking.

PRESS SILENT

The Chinese press briefly reported Mr. Menon's arrival, but little has been said about the talks.

Observers said the present talks were a continuation of those begun at Bandung during the Afro-Asian conference and that no quick solution of the Far Eastern issues could be expected.

It was believed that Mr. Menon would return to New Delhi at the weekend to report to the Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, before Mr. Nehru begins his four-week tour of Russia.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Time Signal and Program Summary: 6.02, Jazz Half Hour presented by Robert Ascherson (Studio); 6.30, Portuguese Half Hour (Studio); 7.00, "In Vienna Tonight" (Local); 7.15, "The Music of the East" (Studio); 7.30, Music for You, James MacKenna, George Matcovich, Eric Robinson and his Concert Orchestra (BBC); 7.50, Weather Report; 8.00, Time Signal and the News (London); 8.15, "The World of the Future" (Studio); 8.30, "Bolshoi by My Friend" (Studio); 8.45, "The World of the Future" (Studio); 9.00, "The World of the Future" (Studio); 9.15, "The World of the Future" (Studio); 9.30, "The World of the Future" (Studio); 9.45, "The World of the Future" (Studio); 10.00, "The World of the Future" (Studio); 10.15, "The World of the Future" (Studio); 10.30, "The World of the Future" (Studio); 10.45, "The World of the Future" (Studio); 11.00, "The World of the Future" (Studio); 11.15, "The World of the Future" (Studio); 11.30, "The World of the Future" (Studio); 11.45, "The World of the Future" (Studio); 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